## **State Leadership Application Conference**

Leadership Training...in such vital areas as public speaking, parliamentary procedure, group dynamics and cooperation with others is an essential part of the SkillsUSA program. SkillsUSA believes students should provide leadership in activities that affect their work, community, school and nation.

Missouri SkillsUSA provides opportunities for all members to challenge their leadership potential. Activities range from local officer meetings, District Executive Council meetings, State Leadership awards and the Mid-America Leadership Conference. Each of these has specific goals and objectives. The District Advisor provides guidance to the local chapters and to the district as each plans their leadership activities.

The purpose of this conference is to help the local members of SkillsUSA chapters to develop or improve their leadership skills. As a local member, you will be involved in SkillsUSA activities throughout the year. You will be expected to be the leader of some activities and to be the follower at other activities. You should put your full effort into all activities whether you are part of the planning committee or part of the working committee. You must remember that you are the reason and purpose for this conference.

Because of the management styles in practice at this conference, you, as a participant, receive back from the activities what you put into them. The advisors and other SkillsUSA members are here to help you make the most of your capabilities. How well they succeed with this assistance is directly related to your attitude and level of motivation. Because you are here, it is reasonable to expect that you already excel in these two areas and are well on your way to being a responsible and effective leader.

This State Leadership Application Conference is designed to provide assistance to local SkillsUSA members in developing and improving their leadership skills. The first conference was held in Jefferson City in 1988. SkillsUSA members have the opportunity to take part in many varied leadership activities during the conference. The Conference is open to all SkillsUSA members. Each participant will have the opportunity to complete level 1 of the SkillsUSA Professional Development Program and earn the Missouri State Leadership Award. This Conference runs from Thursday night through Saturday morning. The Conference is always the last of September or the first of October.

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